

FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment Form

Budget Rider

Direct the City Manager to determine the feasibility of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to waive library fees for children under the age of 6 residing in the ETJ.

Strategic Outcome Alignment

Culture and Lifelong Learning

Lead Sponsor

CM Fuentes

Cosponsors (optional)

Councilmembers Casar and Ellis

Amount and Source of Funding

Ongoing	One-Time	FTEs	Source of Funds
NA	NA	NA	NA

Additional Information

Staff is directed to report back by February 1, 2022 with the potential fiscal impact to APL's operating budget based on the waiver of the non-resident youth library card fees for children under the age of 6 in the ETJ. Additionally, staff shall report on the feasibility of an agreement with Travis County to reimburse some or all of these waived fees. The response shall also include the estimated number of ETJ-resident children under 6 that will be served over the course of the agreement. Staff shall also consider including in the agreement, a 1-year pilot program through which data will be collected and used to develop a long-term program that would result in equitable and affordable access to quality educational materials and resources. Through a partnership with the County, this specific demographic of youth residing in the ETJ will be closer to obtaining invaluable access to free Library resources during their early childhood despite unenrollment in early childhood programs. These efforts and opportunities are supported through the Library Commission's Recommendation No 202001217-3a; Council Resolutions 20201029-018, 20210127-024; and 20210506-064.